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DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

DON'T SHOOT PORTLAND, et al.

Plaintiffs

v.

CITY OF PORTLAND, a municipal
corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00917-HZ

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY DEFENDANT CITY OF PORTLAND
SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

EXPEDITED HEARING REQUESTED

I, Maggie Sisco, declare as follows pursuant to 28 USC § 1746:

1. I have personal knowledge of the information contained in this declaration. If called upon to do so, I could and would competently testify regarding the matters set forth herein.
2. I am a thirty-seven year old white business-owner.
3. On Thursday, June 25, 2020 around midnight, I arrived with a group of other people at the protest taking place near the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct on the 5400 block of NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The group I was with included a pregnant minor. I saw children and elderly people protesting.
4. I saw a crowd of people standing in the street, nonviolently protesting. I saw a dumpster on fire, but I did not see anyone throwing or breaking anything, or lighting anything on fire. I heard the police announce on the loudspeaker for the crowd to "go the other way." The police did not announce which way they wanted us to move or a timeline for leaving. We were all very confused and were trying to figure out which way to go. Suddenly, the police started tear gassing the crowd. Although I had a cloth face mask on, I started gagging, coughing, sneezing,

and my eyes started watering uncontrollably. People around me were responding similarly. The tear gas caused immediate respiratory distress with my asthma forcing me to leave the premise quickly, separating me from the group. We all met up a block away and tried to wait it out.

About 45 minutes to an hour later, we walked back to that area to see if people needed help. We could still smell the gas and it caused me to sneeze more.

5. My asthma symptoms have increased significantly since Thursday night. I have had to triple my dosage of my Albuterol Sulfate inhaler. I continue to have a lot of mucus in my nose and throat. I am experiencing chest pain internally from the coughing and it is raw and feels as though someone took a cheese grater to my lungs.

6. On Saturday, June 27, 2020, I attended a protest downtown near the Justice Center from around 10pm to 1am. I was standing in a corridor on the sidewalk on SW Main Street between SW 5th and SW 6th. I heard an announcement from the police declaring an “unlawful assembly” because there were people standing in the road. The police started pushing us back, but did not tell us where to go. We believed we were in an area that had not been shut-down. I followed the police orders by walking in the direction they were pushing us. I was walking backwards so that I could record the officers. An officer told me to turn around and I told them that I would not turn around because I did not want to be struck in the back of the head while we were following orders. In response, the officer pushed me, I fell down hard and the officer kicked my cell phone away from me. Fortunately, I was wearing my motorcycle helmet and a leather jacket, so I was not seriously injured.

7. Later that evening, I witnessed two police officers rush a person to arrest them in Lowensdale Square near SW 3rd. In the process, I witnessed one of the officers kick a shopping cart being pushed by an unhoused person back at them, hitting them in the stomach and knocking them down. This person appeared to be neurodiverse or have diverse abilities and was

not engaged in the protests or interfering with the police. This person was simply near the vicinity.

8. At no time during these events did I witness anyone in my group (including me) throw anything, break anything, or start any fires. At no time during these events did anyone in my group (including me) throw anything, break anything, or start any fires.

9. Due to the escalating violence from PPB officers, I am increasingly afraid for my health and safety at protests in Portland. I will continue to go because Black people's health and safety is put at risk all the time and I feel it is my obligation, as a white person, to continue protesting.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 29, 2020.


Maggie Sisco (Jun 29, 2020 16:20 PDT)
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